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In the Application of:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, claims 21-23, 26, 29, 32, 33, 36-38, 45-48, and 50-58 of the above-identified application. These claims are subject to a final rejection dated August 26, 2003. A petition to extend the time for response to the final rejection by three months is being submitted concurrently herewith, extending the period for response to February 26, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b), please charge the fee of \$330 that is required for the filing of this Notice of Appeal to our Deposit Account No. 09-0089. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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